

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A facsimile apparatus comprising:  
a communication section which performs image data  
communication by transmitting a mail indicating image data via a  
mail transmission system;

a user operable section which is operable by a user to  
designate the mail as important, and which writes an important  
mail flag in the mail ~~in accordance with an instruction made by a  
user~~ when the user designates the mail as important via the user  
operable section when the user requests transmission of the image  
data;

a printer;

a determining section which, if a delivery confirmation  
mail, which notifies whether delivery of the mail has succeeded  
or failed, has arrived, determines whether the delivery  
confirmation mail notifies a delivery failure or a delivery  
success of the mail transmitted from the communication section,  
wherein the delivery confirmation mail includes the important  
mail flag if the important mail flag is written in the mail  
transmitted by the communication section;

a control section which causes the printer to print an image  
based on the delivery confirmation mail if at least one of:

(i) the important mail flag is included in the delivery

confirmation mail and (ii) the determining section has determined that the delivery confirmation mail notifies the delivery failure, and which causes the printer not to print an image based on the delivery confirmation mail if both: (i) the important mail flag is not included in the delivery confirmation mail and (ii) the determining section has determined that the delivery confirmation mail notifies the delivery success.

Claim 2 (Canceled).

3. (Previously Presented) A facsimile apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the mail transmitted by the communication section comprises an e-mail, to which the image data is attached as an attachment file, based on an e-mail protocol.

Claims 4-7 (Canceled).

8. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling a facsimile apparatus, wherein the facsimile apparatus includes: a printer, a communication section which performs image data communication, by transmitting a mail indicating image data via a mail transmission system, and a user operable section which is operable by a user to designate the mail as important, and which writes an important mail flag in the mail ~~in accordance with an instruction made by a~~

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user when the user designates the mail as important via the user operable section when the user requests transmission of the image data, the method comprising:

determining, if a delivery confirmation mail, which notifies whether delivery of the mail has succeeded or failed, has arrived, whether the delivery confirmation mail notifies a delivery failure or a delivery success of the mail transmitted from the communication section, wherein the delivery confirmation mail includes the important mail flag if the important mail flag is written in the mail transmitted by the communication section; and

causing the printer to print an image based on the delivery confirmation mail if at least one of: (i) the important mail flag is included in the delivery confirmation mail and (ii) it has been determined that the delivery confirmation mail notifies the delivery failure, and causing the printer not to print an image based on the delivery confirmation mail if both: (i) the important mail flag is not included in the delivery confirmation mail and (ii) it has been determined that the delivery confirmation mail notifies the delivery success.

Claims 9 and 10 (Canceled).

11. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 8, wherein the mail transmitted by the communication section comprises an e-mail, to which the image data is attached as an attachment file, based on an e-mail protocol.

12. (Currently Amended) A facsimile apparatus comprising:  
communication means for performing image data communication by transmitting a mail indicating image data via a mail transmission system;

5        user operable means, which is operable by a user to designate the mail as important, for writing an important mail flag in the mail ~~in accordance with an instruction made by a user~~ when the user designates the mail as important via the user operable section when the user requests transmission of the image  
10 data;

means for printing an image;

means for determining, if a delivery confirmation mail, which notifies whether delivery of the mail has succeeded or failed, has arrived, whether the delivery confirmation mail  
15 notifies a delivery failure or a delivery success of the mail transmitted by the communication means, wherein the delivery confirmation mail includes the important mail flag if the important mail flag is written in the mail transmitted by the communication means; and

20 means for controlling the printing means to print an image  
based on the delivery confirmation mail if at least one of:  
(i) the important mail flag is included in the delivery  
confirmation mail and (ii) the determining means has determined  
that the delivery confirmation mail notifies the delivery  
25 failure, and for controlling the printing means not to print an  
image based on the delivery confirmation mail if both: (i) the  
important mail flag is not included in the delivery confirmation  
mail and (ii) the determining means has determined that the  
delivery confirmation mail notifies the delivery success.

Claim 13 (Canceled).

14. (Previously Presented) A facsimile apparatus according  
to claim 12, wherein the mail transmitted by the communication  
means comprises an e-mail, to which the image data is attached as  
an attachment file, based on an e-mail protocol.